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SUBJECT: IDENTIFICATION OF US PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO EMBASSY

1. PRIOR TO THE DEPARTURE OF AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE SIEBER FROM SCHOENEFELD AIRPORT ON NOVEMBER 21, EMBASSY OFFICER WAS QUESTIONED BY CHIEF OF NORTH AMERICAN DIVISION OF GDR FOREIGN MINISTRY, GEYER, CONCERNING A MATTER RAISED BY GDR CUSTOMS. ACCORDING TO GEYER, THE EAST GERMANS HAVE BEEN EXPERIENCING DIFFICULTIES IN DISTINGUISHING AMERICAN'S ASSIGNED TO THE EMBASSY FROM THOSE TRAVELLING FOR PLEASURE IN THE GDR, INCLUDING BEARERS OF DIPLOMATIC AND OFFICIAL PASSPORTS. THEREFORE, THEY ARE REQUESTING THAT BETTER IDENTIFICATION BE INSERTED IN THE PASSPORTS OF EMBASSY PERSONNEL. THIS WAS IN ORDER TO FACILITATE THE ACCORDING OF FREE ENTRY PRIVILEGES. GEYER FURTHER STATED THAT THE PROBLEM AROSE ONLY AT THE TIME OF THE INITIAL ENTRY INTO THE GDR WHEN THE TRAVELLER HAD NOT YET RECEIVED A GDR DIPLOMATIC OR SERVICE ID CARD. HE SUGGESTED THAT APPROPRIATE IDENTIFICATION BE INSERTED IN THE "PLACE OF ASSIGNMENT" FORM ON PAGE SIX OF DIPLOMATIC PASSPORTS. EMBASSY OFFICER INFORMED GEYER THAT NEW DIPLOMATIC PASSPORTS DO NOT CONTAIN THE AFOREMENTIONED PAGE.

2. COMMENT. WE BELIEVE THAT OUR GENERAL PROCEDURES SHOULD NOT BE ALTERED TO MEET GDR REQUIREMENTS. HOWEVER, THE EAST GERMANS ARE EXPECTING A RESPONSE TO THEIR INQUIRY AND WE SUGGEST THAT THE EMBASSY BE AUTHORIZED TO INFORM

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THEM THAT THE SIMPLEST WAY FOR GDR CUSTOMS TO ASCERTAIN THE

STATUS FOR CUSTOMS PURPOSES OF AMERICAN TRAVELLERS WITH NON-FEE  
PASSPORTS WOULD BE TO QUESTION SUCH INDIVIDUALS AT THE  
POINT OF ENTRY INTO THE GDR IF THEY ARE ASSIGNED TO EM-  
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